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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
  
(HONORABLE LARRY A. BURNS)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Case No. 07CR3104-LAB
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>STATEMENT OF FACTS AND</b>
	)	<b>MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND</b>
	)	<b>AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT</b>
RAMON BARRERA-BECERRA,	)	<b>OF DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The following statement of facts is based, in part, on materials received from the government. Mr. Barrera-Becerra does not accept this statement of facts as his own, and reserves the right to take a contrary position at motions hearing and trial. The facts alleged in these motions are subject to amplification and/or modification at the time these motions are heard.

In an indictment filed in November 2007, the government charged Mr. Barrera-Becerra with: (1) bringing in alines for financial gain; (2) transportation of illegal aliens; and (3) and aiding and abetting. This indictment was based on Mr. Barrera-Becerra's arrest on suspicion of driving a Ford Windstar van that contained seven suspected undocumented

1 aliens.

2 I.

3 **MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY**

4 Thus far, Mr. Barrera-Becerra has received 105 pages of written  
5 discovery and CD-ROM disks containing post-arrest statements of Mr.  
6 Barrera-Becerra and material witnesses from the government. Mr. Barrera-  
7 Becerra moves for the production by the government of the following items.  
8 This request is not limited to those items that the prosecutor knows of,  
9 but rather includes all discovery listed below that is in the custody,  
10 control, care, or knowledge of any "closely related investigative [or  
11 other] agencies" under United States v. Bryan, 868 F.2d 1032 (9th Cir.  
12 1989):

13 (1) The Defendant's Statements. Under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16  
14 (a) (1) (A) the defendant is entitled to disclosure all copies of any  
15 written or recorded statements made by the defendant; the substance of any  
16 statements made by the defendant which the government intends to offer in  
17 evidence at trial; any recorded testimony of the defendant before the  
18 grand jury; any response by the defendant to interrogation; the substance  
19 of any oral statements which the government intends to introduce at trial,  
20 and any written summaries of the defendant's oral statements contained in  
21 the handwritten notes of the government agent; any response to any Miranda  
22 warnings which may have been given to the defendant (see United States v.  
23 McElroy, 697 F.2d 459 (2d Cir. 1982)); and any other statements by the  
24 defendant that are discoverable under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a) (1) (A). The  
25 Advisory Committee Notes as well as the 1991 amendments to Rule 16 make  
26 it clear that the Government must reveal all the defendant's statements,  
27 whether oral or written regardless of whether the Government intends to  
28 introduce those statements;

1           (2) Arrest Reports, Notes and Dispatch Tapes. The defendant  
2 also specifically requests that all arrest reports, notes and dispatch or  
3 any other tapes that relate to the circumstances surrounding his arrest  
4 or any questioning, if such reports have not already been produced in  
5 their entirety, be turned over to him. This request includes, but is not  
6 limited to, any rough notes, records, reports, transcripts or other  
7 documents in which statements of the defendant or any other discoverable  
8 material is contained. This is all discoverable under Fed. R. Crim. P.  
9 16(a)(1)(A) and Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). See also United  
10 States v. Johnson, 525 F.2d 999 (2d Cir. 1975); United States v. Lewis,  
11 511 F.2d 798 (D.C. Cir. 1975); United States v. Pilnick, 267 F. Supp. 791  
12 (S.D.N.Y. 1967); Loux v. United States, 389 F.2d 911 (9th Cir. 1968).  
13 Arrest reports, investigator's notes, memos from arresting officers,  
14 dispatch tapes, sworn statements, and prosecution reports pertaining to  
15 the defendant are available under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B) and (C),  
16 Fed. R. Crim. P. 26.2 and 12(I);

17           (3) Reports of Scientific Tests or Examinations. Pursuant to  
18 Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(D), the defendant requests the reports of all tests  
19 and examinations conducted upon the evidence in this case, including but  
20 not limited to the scientific chemical testing done upon the drugs seized  
21 in this case to determine if it was indeed marijuana and any fingerprint  
22 testing done upon any evidence seized in this case, that is within the  
23 possession, custody, or control of the government, the existence of which  
24 is known, or by the exercise of due diligence may become known, to the  
25 attorney for the government, and which are material to the preparation of  
26 the defense or are intended for use by the government as evidence in chief  
27 at the trial;

28           (4) Brady Material. The defendant requests all documents,

1 statements, agents' reports, and tangible evidence favorable to the  
2 defendant on the issue of guilt and/or which affects the credibility of  
3 the government's case. Impeachment as well as exculpatory evidence falls  
4 within Brady's definition of evidence favorable to the accused. United  
5 States v. Bagley, 473 U.S. 667 (1985); United States v. Agurs, 427 U.S.  
6 97 (1976);

7 (5) Any Information that May Result in a Lower Sentence under  
8 the United States Sentencing Guidelines (U.S.S.G.). As discussed above,  
9 this information is discoverable under Brady v. Maryland. This request  
10 includes any cooperation or attempted cooperation by the defendant, as  
11 well as any information that could affect any base offense level or  
12 specific offense characteristic under Chapter Two of the U.S.S.G. Also  
13 included in this request is any information relevant to a Chapter Three  
14 adjustment, a determination of the defendant's criminal history, or any  
15 other application of the U.S.S.G.;

16 (6) The Defendant's Prior Record. Evidence of prior record is  
17 available under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B);

18 (7) Any Proposed 404(b) Evidence. Evidence of prior similar  
19 acts is discoverable under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(C) and Fed. R. Evid.  
20 404(b) and 609. In addition, under Fed. R. Evid. 404(b), "upon request of  
21 the accused, the prosecution . . . shall provide reasonable notice in  
22 advance of trial . . . of the general nature . . ." of any evidence the  
23 government proposes to introduce under Fed. R. Evid. 404(b) at trial. The  
24 defendant requests that such notice be given three weeks before trial in  
25 order to give the defense time to adequately investigate and prepare for  
26 trial;

27 (8) Evidence Seized. Evidence seized as a result of any search,  
28 either warrantless or with a warrant, is discoverable under Fed. R. Crim.

1 P. 16(a)(1)(C); the defendant specifically requests that all dispatch  
2 tapes or any other physical evidence that may be destroyed, lost, or  
3 otherwise put out of the possession, custody, or care of the government  
4 and which relate to the arrest or the events leading to the arrest in this  
5 case be preserved. This request includes, but is not limited to, any  
6 samples used to run any scientific tests, any narcotics, and any evidence  
7 seized from any third party. It is requested that the government be  
8 ordered to question all the agencies and individuals involved in the  
9 prosecution and investigation of this case to determine if such evidence  
10 exists, and if it does exist, to inform those parties to preserve any such  
11 evidence;

12 (10) Tangible Objects. The defendant requests, under Fed. R.  
13 Crim. P. 16(a)(2)(C), the opportunity to inspect and copy as well as test,  
14 if necessary, all other documents and tangible objects, including  
15 photographs, books, papers, documents, photographs, of building or places  
16 or copies of portions thereof which are material to the defense or  
17 intended for use in the government's case-in-chief, or were obtained from  
18 or belong to the defendant;

19 (11) Evidence of Bias or Motive to Lie. The defendant requests  
20 any evidence that any prospective government witness is biased or  
21 prejudiced against the defendant, or has a motive to falsify or distort  
22 his or her testimony. Pennsylvania v. Ritchie, 480 U.S. 39 (1987); United  
23 States v. Strifler, 851 F.2d 1197 (9th Cir. 1988);

24 (12) Impeachment Evidence. The defendant requests any evidence  
25 that any prospective government witness has engaged in any criminal act,  
26 whether or not resulting in a conviction, and whether any witness has made  
27 a statement favorable to the defendant. See Fed. R. Evid. 608, 609 and  
28 613. Such evidence is discoverable under Brady v. Maryland. See Strifler

(witness' prior record); Thomas v. United States, 343 F.2d 49 (9th Cir. 1965) (evidence that detracts from a witness' credibility);

(13) Evidence of Criminal Investigation of Any Government Witness. The defendant requests any evidence that any prospective witness is under investigation by federal, state or local authorities for any criminal conduct. United States v. Chitty, 760 F.2d 425 (2d Cir.) cert. denied, 474 U.S. 945 (1985);

(14) Evidence Affecting Perception, Recollection, Ability to Communicate, or Truth Telling. The defense requests any evidence, including any medical or psychiatric report or evaluation, tending to show that any prospective witness' ability to perceive, remember, communicate, or tell the truth is impaired; and any evidence that a witness has ever used narcotics or other controlled substance, or has ever been an alcoholic. Strifler; Chavis v. North Carolina, 637 F.2d 213, 224 (4th Cir. 1980);

(15) Witness Addresses. The defendant requests the name and last known address of each prospective government witness. See United States v. Napue, 834 F.2d 1311 (7th Cir. 1987); United States v. Tucker, 716 F.2d 576 (9th Cir. 1983) (failure to interview government witnesses by counsel is ineffective); United States v. Cook, 608 F.2d 1175, 1181 (9th Cir. 1979) (defense has equal right to talk to witnesses). The defendant also requests the name and last known address of every witness to the crime or crimes charged (or any of the overt acts committed in furtherance thereof) who will not be called as a government witness. United States v. Cadet, 727 F.2d 1453 (9th Cir. 1984);

(16) Name of Witnesses Favorable to the Defendant. The defendant requests the name of any witness who made an arguably favorable statement concerning the defendant or who could not identify him or who

1 was unsure of his identity, or participation in the crime charged.  
2 Jackson v. Wainwright, 390 F.2d 288 (5th Cir. 1968); Chavis v. North  
3 Carolina; Jones v. Jago, 575 F.2d 1164, 1168 (6th Cir. 1978); Hudson v.  
4 Blackburn, 601 F.2d 785 (5th Cir. 1979), cert. denied, 444 U.S. 1086  
5 (1980);

6 (17) Statements Relevant to the Defense. The defendant requests  
7 disclosure of any statement that may be "relevant to any possible defense  
8 or contention" that he might assert. United States v. Bailleaux, 685 F.2d  
9 1105 (9th Cir. 1982);

10 (18) Jencks Act Material. The defense requests all material to  
11 which defendant is entitled pursuant to the Jencks Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3500,  
12 reasonably in advance of trial, including dispatch tapes. A verbal  
13 acknowledgment that "rough" notes constitute an accurate account of the  
14 witness' interview is sufficient for the report or notes to qualify as a  
15 statement under §3500(e)(1). Campbell v. United States, 373 U.S. 487, 490-  
16 92 (1963). In United States v. Boshell, 952 F.2d 1101 (9th Cir. 1991),  
17 the Ninth Circuit held that when an agent goes over interview notes with  
18 the subject of the interview the notes are then subject to the Jencks Act.  
19 The defense requests pre-trial production of Jencks material to expedite  
20 cross-examination and to avoid lengthy recesses during trial;

21 (19) Giglio Information. Pursuant to Giglio v. United States,  
22 405 U.S. 150 (1972), the defendant requests all statements and/or  
23 promises, express or implied, made to any government witnesses, in  
24 exchange for their testimony in this case, and all other information which  
25 could arguably be used for the impeachment of any government witnesses;

26 (20) Personnel Records of Government Officers Involved in the  
27 Arrest. The defendant requests all citizen complaints and other related  
28 internal affairs documents involving any of the immigration officers or

1 other law enforcement officers who were involved in the investigation,  
2 arrest and interrogation of him, pursuant to Pitchess v. Superior Court,  
3 11 Cal.3d 531, 539 (1974). Because of the sensitive nature of these  
4 documents, defense counsel will not be able to procure them from any other  
5 source;

6 (21) Government Examination of Law Enforcement Personnel Files.

7 The defendant requests that the government examine the personnel files and  
8 any other files within its custody, care or control, or which could be  
9 obtained by the government, for all testifying witnesses, including  
10 testifying officers. The defendant requests that these files be reviewed  
11 by the government attorney for evidence of perjurious conduct or other  
12 like dishonesty, or any other material relevant to impeachment, or any  
13 information that is exculpatory, pursuant to its duty under United States  
14 v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991), cert. denied, 503 U.S. 972  
15 (1992). The obligation to examine files arises by virtue of the defense  
16 making a demand for their review: the Ninth Circuit in Henthorn remanded  
17 for in camera review of the agents' files because the government failed  
18 to examine the files of agents who testified at trial. This Court should  
19 therefore order the government to review all such files for all testifying  
20 witnesses and turn over any material relevant to impeachment or that is  
21 exculpatory to the defendant prior to trial. The defendant specifically  
22 requests that the prosecutor, not the law enforcement officers, review the  
23 files in this case. The duty to review the files, under Henthorn, should  
24 be the prosecutor's and not the officers'. Only the prosecutor has the  
25 legal knowledge and ethical obligations to fully comply with this request.

26 (22) Notice and a Written Summary of Any Expert Testimony.

27 Under Rule 16(a) (1) (E), effective December 1, 1993, "[a]t the defendant's  
28 request, the government shall disclose to the defendant a written summary



1 of testimony the government intends to use under Rules 702, 703 or 705 of  
2 the Federal Rules of Evidence during its case-in-chief at trial. This  
3 summary must describe the witness' opinions, the basis and the reasons  
4 therefore, and the witness' qualifications." The defendant also  
5 specifically requests the government give him a written summary and notice  
6 of any expert testimony the government intends to introduce.

7 **II.**

8 **REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER MOTIONS**

9 Depending on the future proceedings in this case, Mr. Barrera-  
10 Becerra may file substantive motions. Therefore, defense counsel requests  
11 the opportunity to file further motions based upon information gained from  
12 the discovery requested herein.

13 **III.**

14 **CONCLUSION**

15 For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the  
16 Court grant the above motions.

17 Respectfully submitted,

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